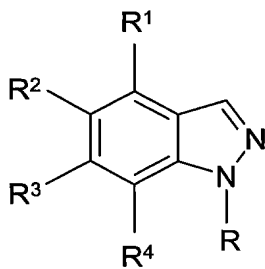


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) A method of making a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole comprising:
 - (a) nitrosation and reduction-cyclization of a 2-alkylaminobenzonitrile to form a 1-alkyl-3-aminoindazole; and
 - (b) deamination of the 1-alkyl-3-aminoindazole to form a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole.~~The method of Claim 2 wherein the 1-~~
(hydroxyalkyl)indazole ~~has~~ is of the formula:



wherein R is a C₂ to C₁₂ (hydroxy)alkyl group optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, OR⁵, OC(=O)R⁵, OC(=O)OR⁵, N(R⁵)₂, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵, or with one or more F atoms;

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently H, F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OH, OR⁵, OC(=O)R⁵, OC(=O)OR⁵, N(R⁵)₂, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵, NO₂, CN, N₃, SH, S(O)_nR⁵, C(=O)R⁵, COOH, COOR⁵, CON(R⁵)₂, C₁ to C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, C(=O)R⁵, COOH, COOR⁵, CON(R⁵)₂, CN, OR⁵, OC(=O)R⁵, OC(=O)OR⁵, N(R⁵)₂, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, or N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵; or R¹ and R² as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R² and R³ as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R³ and R⁴ as herein defined taken together form a ring;

R⁵ is C₁ to C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, methoxy, ethoxy, benzyloxy, or with one or more F atoms, or R⁵ is phenyl, methoxyphenyl, or (dimethylamino)phenyl; and

n = 0, 1, or 2.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein R is a C₂ to C₆ (hydroxyl)alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, OR⁵, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵, or with one or more F atoms; R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently H, F, Cl, CF₃, OR⁵, OC(=O)R⁵, OC(=O)OR⁵, N(R⁵)₂, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵, NO₂, CN, C(=O)R⁵, COOR⁵, CON(R⁵)₂, C₁ to C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, C(=O)R⁵, COOR⁵, CON(R⁵)₂, CN, OR⁵, OC(=O)R⁵, OC(=O)OR⁵, N(R⁵)₂, N(R⁵)C(=O)R⁵, or N(R⁵)C(=O)OR⁵; or R¹ and R² as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R² and R³ as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R³ and R⁴ as herein defined taken together form a ring; R⁵ is C₁ to C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, methoxy, benzyloxy, or with one or more F atoms.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)